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APPRECIATE THAT CHRIS SQUIRE MAY ONLY JUST BE BACK FROM
PERTH, BUT WE ARE CONCERNED OVER OUR INABILITY TO REPLY
TO REPEATED QUERIES FROM THE GOA THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN
EMBASSY FOR ANSWER ON PROPOSED PROCEDURES FOR MORE
INTENSIVE INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON JOINT ACTIVITIES. OUR
ABILITY TO RESPOND DEPENDS, OF COURSE, UPON PRIOR READING
OF PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS ON ISSUES POSED REFTEL C. I
WOULD APPRECIATE AN URGENT REPORT OF SQUIRE'S CONVERSATION
WITH YEEND IN PERTH. VANCE

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